

On Saturday, September 20, while working in Pikesville, just outside of Baltimore, Aaron was killed when he came into contact with an energized power line that had been downed in the storm.

Aaron was a senior lineman based in Madison, Mississippi. A resident of Flora, where I now make my home, he was only 45 years old and had 25 years of service with Entergy. He leaves behind his wife, Kim, two children and two stepchildren, to whom we offer our sincere condolences.

As the D.C. area continues to recover from the devastation of Hurricane Isabel, let us never forget the sacrifices of all the men and women working with utility crews to restore our electric service. We must appreciate how dangerous their work is and be grateful for the job they do.

And let us never forget Aaron Presley, who sacrificed his life in the service of others.

CELEBRATING TAIWAN'S
DEMOCRACY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on Taiwan's forthcoming National Day, I wish to commend Taiwan for all its accomplishments, both economic and political. I wish to extend to President Chen and the people of Taiwan my congratulations.

Taiwan is one of the world's largest economies and our seventh largest trading partner. Its people participate and fully subscribe to the principles of freedom and democracy. The Taiwanese people have worked with the United States on issues ranging from endangered species to trademark infringements. They are also working with us to combat global terrorism. They look to us for cooperation, guidance and protection.

Peace and security in the Taiwan Strait is vital to the security interests of all nations in the area.

Taiwan has spent considerable sums of money helping African nations fighting AIDS and other infectious diseases.

Taiwan is a staunch friend and ally of the United States. On Taiwan's national day, I wish to affirm my friendship for Taiwan and its people.

TRIBUTE TO KAREN WADE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to a dedicated public servant. Karen Wade recently announced her retirement from the National Park Service. Throughout her many years of service, Karen has worked tirelessly to create and promote a bond between our Na-

tional Parks and the people they serve. For her years of service, I am honored to pay tribute to Karen here today.

Karen began her career with the National Park Service as a seasonal radio dispatcher at Mesa Verde National Park near her native Cortez, Colorado. Karen went on to her first permanent post in 1978 as a Trail Coordinator with the Appalachian Trail Project. Over the years, Karen has held many positions in the Park Service, including Superintendent of Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine in Baltimore, Guadalupe Mountains National Park in Texas, Wrangell-St. Elias National Park in Alaska, and the Great Smokey Mountains National Park in the southeastern United States.

In 1999, Karen became the Regional Director for the Intermountain Region. In that position, she oversaw parks in eight western states, including Colorado, and was entrusted with such treasured national parks as the Grand Tetons, the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, and her beloved Mesa Verde. Throughout her career, Karen's work has not gone unnoticed. She has received many awards and accolades, including Superintendent of Year for Natural Resources, a Southeast Region Award for her work at the Great Smokey Mountain National Park, and the Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Achievement Award.

Mr. Speaker, Karen Wade has dedicated 25 years to protecting and promoting our national parks. Her tireless work has ensured that future generations will be able to enjoy the beauty and splendor of our national parks. For her dedication and years of service, I am honored to join with my colleagues in paying tribute to Karen here today. I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF
CARMEN ZAPATA

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Carmen Zapata—a visionary Latina whose influence is felt in every aspect of the arts.

As one of the first Latinas to perform on Broadway, Carmen Zapata is an artistic innovator. An actress, producer and proponent of Spanish and English bilingual theatre, she has changed the face of culture in Southern California.

A leader in the Latino and arts communities, Carmen Zapata's passion for theatre led her to co-found the Bilingual Foundation of the Arts. As president and producing director for this Los Angeles-based non-profit, she has helped produce over eighty bilingual plays across the State of California and abroad.

The Bilingual Foundation of the Arts has brought theatre and entertainment into inner-city schools in my district and the greater Los Angeles region, exposing students to a new creative outlet, and providing a pipeline for young Latino talent.

Ms. Zapata's dedication to the Latino community has also led her to share her knowledge and experience in teaching the craft of acting and production at area theatre programs.

Furthermore, she has served on the board of a variety of civic organizations, including the United Way, the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation, the KCET Community Advisory Board, and the City of Los Angeles Mayor's Committee on the Arts.

Ms. Zapata is also a leader in the international Latino arts community. An honored translator of Spanish plays, she has been knighted by his Majesty Juan Carlos of Spain for her contributions to Spanish language and culture. In addition, she continues to shape Latino arts and entertainment and the next generation of Latinos with her popular PBS children's program, "Villa Allegre."

For these achievements, it is my great pleasure to recognize Carmen Zapata's contributions as the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce honors her with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

On behalf of Latinos everywhere, I congratulate Carmen Zapata and thank her for her dedication to giving Latinos a voice in the arts.

TRIBUTE TO TERRY TICE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great enthusiasm that I rise before you today to honor an outstanding citizen from my district. Terry Tice of Telluride, Colorado is a remarkably giving person who focuses many of his efforts on assisting the town of Telluride and his fellow citizens. It is my privilege to pay tribute to Terry before this body of Congress and this nation for his positive role in the community and for his philanthropic spirit.

Terry has lived in the Telluride area for over thirty years, operating the Telluride Trappings and Toggery with his wife Susan. The Toggery not only offers local high school kids employment during their breaks, it also provides numerous scholarships to high school graduates. In addition to his business, Terry has served on the town council for four terms and helped implement the Town Charter. He has been a member of the district school board and volunteered a great deal of his time to various community causes.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to stand before you today and recognize Terry's many attributes and dedication to his community. Terry's graciousness has recently prompted the Telluride Foundation, an organization centered around community philanthropy, to name him citizen of the year. I join the Telluride Foundation in congratulating Terry for his award. I would also like to thank him for his numerous contributions for the betterment of his community.